







# The Coast Guard/NOAA Retirees' Newsletter

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## NOAA Confirms Wreck is Lost 19th century U.S. Coast Survey Steamer

More than 153 years after it was lost in a violent collision at sea, government and university maritime archaeologists have identified the wreck of the ship *Robert J. Walker*, a steamer that served in the U.S. Coast Survey, a predecessor agency of NOAA.

The Walker, while now largely forgotten, served a vital role as a survey ship, charting the Gulf Coast—including Mobile Bay and Florida Keys—in the decade before the Civil War. It also conducted early work plotting movement of the Gulf Stream along the Atlantic Coast. Twenty sailors died when the Walker sank in



In 1852, W.A.K. Martin painted this picture of the *Robert J. Walker*. The painting, now at the Mariner's Museum in Newport News, Va., is scheduled for restoration. (Credit: the Mariner's Museum)

rough seas in the early morning hours of June 21, 1860, ten miles off Absecon Inlet on the New Jersey coast. The crew had finished its latest surveys in the Gulf of Mexico and was sailing to New York when the *Walker* was hit by a commercial schooner off New Jersey. The side-wheeled steamer, carrying 66 crewmembers, sank within 30 minutes. The sinking was the largest single loss of life in the history of the Coast Survey and its successor agency, NOAA.

"Before this identification was made, the wreck was just an anonymous symbol on navigation charts," said Rear Admiral Gerd Glang, director of NOAA's Office of Coast Survey. "Now, we can truly honor the 20 members of the crew and their final resting place. It will mark a profound sacrifice by the men who served during a remarkable time in our history." Built in 1847, the Walker was one of the U.S. government's first iron-hulled steamers and was intended for the U.S. Revenue Service, predecessor of the United States Coast Guard. Instead, the Walker and some of its sister steamers were sent to the U.S. Coast Survey.

Admiral Robert J. Papp, Commandant of the Coast Guard, said that *Walker* represented the transition from sail to steam for government vessels, "reflecting the enduring need of the United States to harness the power of new technology to promote its maritime interests."

"Coast Guardsmen are always saddened by the loss of life at sea and especially so when those lost were working to make the lives of other mariners safer by charting the waters of the United States," Papp said.

The U.S. Coast Survey is NOAA's oldest predecessor organization, established by President Thomas Jefferson in 1807 to survey the coast and produce the nation's nautical charts. In 1860, as the <u>Civil War</u> approached, the Coast Survey redoubled efforts strategically important to the war effort along the Gulf and Atlantic coasts.

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#### CO's Corner -

The old adage, "Time flies when you're having fun" is certainly true for me. I have been here just over a year now and am thoroughly enjoying my second year in command at the Pay & Personnel Center. I am as honored to serve as all those who served before me and I am doubly blessed to have a phenomenal staff who works especially hard to ensure all our customers are paid accurately and on time. In the very near future, PPC is taking on another customer base of around 7,000 Public Health Service (PHS) retirees. Beginning on January 1, 2014, PPC will assume responsibility for processing pay to all retired officers of the PHS and their surviving annuitants. We already pay NOAA retirees, so taking on the PHS customer base will be fairly seamless to all of you. Subsequently, in January 2015, we will begin paying the approximately 7,000 PHS active duty officers. So the next time you pick up your retiree newsletter and are wondering why you are reading about PHS retiree issues, you will know why.

Many of you may remember being paid under JUMPS, the Joint Uniform Military Pay System. In 2008 Coast Guard retirees were transferred from JUMPS to what is called the Global Pay system. Beginning in January 2015, all active duty and reserve members will also be paid under the new Global Pay system. This is a significant effort for the PPC and Coast Guard and will enable our pay system to integrate nicely with our HR system.

Let me leave you with a quote from Adlai E. Stevenson. Until next time, fair winds:

"We talk a great deal about patriotism. What do we mean by patriotism in the context of our times? I venture to suggest that what we mean is a sense of national responsibility which will enable America to remain master of her power - to walk with it in serenity and wisdom, with self-respect and the respect of all mankind; a patriotism that puts country ahead of self; a patriotism which is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime. The dedication of a lifetime - these are words that are easy to utter, but this is a mighty assignment. For it is often easier to fight for principles than to live up to them."

## **CAPE MAY USCG FILAM RETIREES**





Cordially Invites You To
The Biennial Festivities: "Pulong-Pulong",
Golf, Dinner Dance, & Picnic!!!





When: 23-25 October 2013

Where: Resorts Hotel & Casino, Atlantic City
Picnic in Cape May, NJ

**Hotel Rates for CG Guests:** 

Tourism Fee applies on 10/25/13

Dinner Dance Payment: \$65 per person

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## NOAA Confirms Wreck is Lost 19th Century U.S. Coast Survey Steamer, Cont'd

The New York Herald, in reporting the Walker's loss on June 23, 1860, noted that a "heavy sea was running, and many of the men were doubtless washed off the spars and drowned from the mere exhaustion of holding on, while others were killed or stunned on rising to the surface by concussion with spars and other parts of the wreck."

The *Walker* wreck site initially was discovered in the 1970s by a commercial fisherman. The wreck's identity has been a mystery despite being regularly explored by divers. Resting 85 feet underwater, the vessel's identity was confirmed in June as part of a private-public collaboration that included research provided by New Jersey wreck divers; Joyce Steinmetz, a maritime archaeology student at East Carolina University; and retired NOAA Corps Capt. Albert Theberge, Chief of Reference for the NOAA Central Library.

While in the area to conduct hydrographic surveys after Hurricane Sandy for navigation safety, NOAA Ship Thomas Jefferson sailed to the wreck site and deployed its multibeam and sidescan sonar systems. Hydrographers searched likely locations based on analysis of historical research by Vitad Pradith, a physical scientist with NOAA's Office of Coast Survey.

A <u>NOAA Maritime Heritage</u> diving team, on a separate Hurricane Sandy-related mission in the area, was able to positively identify the *Walker*. Key clues were the size and layout of the iron-hulled wreck, and its unique engines, rectangular portholes, and the location of the ship, which was found still pointing toward the Absecon lighthouse, the final destination of a desperate crew on a sinking vessel.



Observations from NOAA's Maritime Heritage program's diving team confirmed the identity of the *Walker* wreck (Credit: The Mariners' Museum)

"The identification of *Walker* is a result of excellent collaboration with the local community," said James P. Delgado, Director of Maritime Heritage for NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries. "We look forward to working with our local partners to share *Walker's* story with the public in a manner that both promotes educational dive tourism and protects this nationally significant wreck and gravesite."

The intent is not to make the wreck a sanctuary or limit diving, but to work with New Jersey's wreck diving community to better understand the wreck and the stories it can tell. "We want to enhance the dive experience and support the dive industry with enhanced access to this wreck," Delgado said.

"New Jersey is home to some of the most accomplished wreck divers who not only understand history and wrecks, but who have also been in the forefront of wreck exploration. We look forward to working with them on the *Walker*."

NOAA's Office of Coast Survey is the nation's nautical chartmaker. Coast Survey updates charts, surveys the coastal seafloor, responds to maritime emergencies, and searches for underwater obstructions that pose a danger to navigation. Follow Coast Survey on Twitter <a href="mailto:one-nation-left-survey-blog">one-nation-left-survey-blog</a> for more in-depth coverage of surveying and charting. <a href="mailto:NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries">NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries</a> serves as trustee for a system of 14 marine protected areas encompassing more than 170,000 square miles of America's ocean and Great Lakes.

Through active research, management and public engagement, national marine sanctuaries sustain healthy environments that are the foundation for thriving communities and stable economies. Follow Sanctuaries on <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a> and on Twitter <a href="@sanctuaries">@sanctuaries</a>.

NOAA's mission is to understand and predict changes in the Earth's environment, from the depths of the ocean to the surface of the sun, and to conserve and manage our coastal and marine resources. Join us on <a href="Facebook"><u>Facebook</u></a>, <a href="Twitter"><u>Twitter</u></a> and our other social media channels.

(Source: www.noaanews.noaa.gov)

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	RETIREE PAYDAYS FOR CY 2013	
February 1	May 31	October 1
March 1	July 1	November 1
April 1	August 1	November 29
May 1	August 30	December 31

On his farewell week, Lieutenant Megan Mervar, USCG, sat down with the departing director for his perspective on the role the band plays as ambassadors for our nation and the emotions he's experienced during the band's many performances. The band's final performance under his leadership took place Sep 1, 2013.

## A legacy of goodwill: A tribute to Capt. Kenneth Megan

At the tail end of the Cold War, the United States' relationship with the former Soviet Union was tenuous. When Master Chief Petty Officer Kenneth Megan, then the assistant director of the U.S. Coast Guard Band, coordinated the first tour of an American military band in the former Soviet Union in June 1989, no one knew how the interaction would unfold. As it turns out, the Russians were just as curious about the visiting Americans, and the Coast Guard Band was met with warmth and kindness.



Capt. Kenneth Megan, the U.S. Coast Guard Band's outgoing director. U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Richard Brahm

"Not one of us in the band had ever met a Russian, but we were overwhelmed by their friendliness, graciousness and generosity," explained Megan, now a captain and director of the band. "Despite the difference in language and culture, we connected with our hosts on every level, and many of us made life-long friends."

And so is the legacy the Coast Guard Band has created around the globe.

Megan ultimately went on to serve as director, and one of his most memorable trips was to Japan in 2008 when the group represented the United States as the first premier American military band to perform a concert tour throughout Japan. There, they celebrated the 60th anniversary of the Japan Coast Guard and the 20th anniversary of the Japan Coast Guard Band; the U.S. Coast Guard Band was again welcomed with friendliness by the Japanese people.

"The members of the band are such great goodwill ambassadors for the Coast Guard and the nation," said Megan.

Though composed of only about 55 musicians and stationed permanently at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn., the band's compelling music has also gained an impressive international audience through public radio broadcasts, an initiative Megan led and continued to build upon. In the mid-80s, the band's performances began airing on more than 100 National Public Radio stations

throughout the United States, which soon expanded to public radio stations in countries such as Japan, Australia, Great Britain and Germany. No longer was the band playing for an audience of just 1,500 people in Leamy Hall on the Academy grounds, but for tens of thousands of people across the world.

As he reflected upon his nine years as the band's director, Megan reminisced about the emotions he's experienced during the band's many engagements. For example, the band was honored to perform at the Pageant of Peace during the National Christmas Tree Lighting one year, and Megan was overwhelmed by the majesty of his circumstance.

"I looked out over the crowd—on my right was the White House, on my left was the Washington Monument, and in front of me were thousands of people, including the president and his family. It was unforgettable."

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## REUNIONS AND NOTICES

HAWAII COAST GUARD RETIREE COUNCIL will meet at 1900 to 2100 at Club 14, Sand Island the second Wednesday of every August, November, February, and May. Contact CAPT Schultz at rschultz369@gmail.com or BMCS Dutton at DuttonM003@Hawaii.RR.Com if you have any questions.

Calling all LORANIMALS –The last of the US LORAN Stations have been shut down. Come and join us at: <a href="https://www.Loran-history.info">www.Loran-history.info</a>. The web site remembers the Coast Guardsmen who served aboard Loran-A, Loran-C stations and other Loran billets worldwide. These dedicated Coasties are but a few who provided radio navigation signals to millions of navigators. Hosted by CPO Joe Jester, USCG (ret) and MCPO Bill Dietz, USCG (ret)

Attention retirees in Districts 13 and 17: We invite you to affiliate with the Coast Guard Retiree Council Northwest! We keep you in touch with fellow retirees, benefit news and what's happening in the active Coast Guard. No heavy lifting required. Check out our Website at <a href="http://www.cgretirenw.org">http://www.cgretirenw.org</a>. Please send your contact information (including E-mail address) to feedback@cgretirenw.org.

The **Cactus Coast Guard** meets three times a year in the Phoenix, AZ area for brunch and camaraderie. All former, active duty, reserve and retired Coast Guard members are welcome. We have an active e-mail list so please respond by same to **artgbeard@aol.com**. No e-mail, contact SKCM Art Sloane, USCG, Ret., (480) 802-6810.

Those interested in joining the membership to the **COAST GUARD RETIREE COUNCIL** of Jacksonville, FL or if you have questions, contact YNCM Bobby Wester, USCG, retired, at **Bwester2549@aol.com** (subject line: CG Retiree Council), (904) 645-5552 (leave message), or by regular mail to 3327 Brachenbury Lane, Jacksonville, FL 32225-3709 (please provide a telephone number where you can be reached).

**TRACEN YORKTOWN** Retiree Council office is located in the lobby on the first floor of Steuben Hall. Office hours are 0800-1400 Monday thru Wednesday or by appointment. Telephone (757) 856-2136 or e-mail us at: <a href="https://www.cgretireeyktn.com">www.cgretireeyktn.com</a>. Our retiree luncheon is held at 11:30 AM on the second Wednesday of each month in the Port of York. Feel free to join us for breakfast at 6:30 AM every Wednesday in the galley.

TRACEN CAPE MAY Retiree Council Office is now located in my home. It's open to CG retirees, active duty personnel and other Armed Forces, Reserve & Guards, Veterans of all services. I'm now a certified VFW, VA Service Officer. MCPO F W Andersen. My address is 108 Cardinal Ave, Villas, NJ 08251. Call for appointment. You are all welcome. Cell: (609) 972-6453, home: (609) 889-6647 or e-mail me at: kc2jpo@comcast.net.

Florida East Central Coast Retiree Council meets quarterly at the Ponce Deleon Inlet Coast Guard Station. Contact John Heaphy at (386) 852-7773 (leave a message) or <a href="mailto:JohnHeaphyAlso@aol.com">JohnHeaphyAlso@aol.com</a> or Bob Merrilees (321) 452-5426 or <a href="mailto:RMerrilees@cfl.rr.com">RMerrilees@cfl.rr.com</a> for information about the next meeting. All Coast Guard retirees and annuitants are welcome as well as retirees from other services.

2013 Prinsendam Rescue Reunion - "Calling on all Shipmates and Aviators who served aboard the USCGC's BOUTWELL, MELLON, WOODRUSH, USCG Air Stations Sitka and Kodiak, D17, MSO Valdez, CG Communications Area Master Station Pacific, CG Communication Station Kodiak, Elmendorf AFB, Canadian Forces, U.S. Tanker Williamsburgh, C/V's SOHIO Intrepid, and Portland who assisted in the rescue of 519 passengers and crew aboard the burning Luxury Liner Prinsendam on 4 -5 October 1980 in the Gulf of Alaska". If you were attached to any of these units during the rescue and/or subsequent sinking of the Prinsendam and are not listed on our roster, "I Want To Hear From You". Our Third Annual Reunion will be celebrated on Saturday, 5 October 2013 in Seattle. Washington to commemorate the 33rd Anniversary of "One of the Greatest Sea Rescues in Coast Guard History". A special invitation is also extended to rescued passengers and crew aboard the Prinsendam. If you require the assistance of a Stokes Litter to attend, one will be provided at no cost! Contact YNCS Stan Jaceks, USCG (Ret.) by email at stanley2421@localnet.com or stanleyjaceks@gmail.com or by phone at (509) 760-4866 (c) to make your reservation or get additional information.

Coast Guard retirees and annuitants living in the St. Louis area are invited to participate in the formation of the St. Louis Area Coast Guard Retiree Council. If you are interested in participating or have questions, email Mike Kelly, LCDR (Ret) at <a href="mailto:mike1940@centurytel.net">mike1940@centurytel.net</a>.

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Coast Guard Reserve Unit St. Inigoes/Cove Point will be having a reunion 25-27 October 2013 at the U.S. Navy Solomon's Recreational Area, MD. For lodging and event costs, please contact SCPO (ret) Douglas Yeckley at the following email address: <a href="mailto:douglas.yeckley@comcast.net">douglas.yeckley@comcast.net</a>.

Coast Guard Activities, Europe Facebook Page. Any former members of Coast Guard Activities, Europe Loran C Operations (July 1995 and prior) ACTEUR in London and including Estartit, Lampedusa, Sellia Marina, Sylt, Karagarburn are welcome to join our facebook page "Coast Guard Activities Europe" and share their memories.

Informal Captains Luncheon. In keeping with a tradition started by RADM AI Manning more than 30 years ago, Coast Guard Captains in the Los Angeles area gather for an informal luncheon on the second Wednesday of every month. Captains in the area are cordially invited to attend. Should you wish to be included on the mailing list, you may advise the mess treasurer, CAPT John H. (Jack) Guest at jack@guestgroup.com.

**USCGC OWASCO Reunion**. If you served aboard the USCG CUTTER OWASCO (WHEC 39, W 39 previously), we would like to invite you to our ship's reunion. We also welcome all other interested Coast Guardsmen.

Dates: Nov 19 through 21 (2013)

Where: Holiday Inn Resort, Lake Buena Vista (Orlando)

Florida

Hotel room cost: \$85/night (additional days: same rate) Note: rooms are going fast and are on a first-come, serve basis. Remember the title of the reunion is: USCGC OWASCO Reunion.

Contact person: MM3 Turley (Pete) Marshall. You may

contact him at: T.Peter.Marshall@att.net
His address is: 12136 Reservoir Lane, East
Jacksonville, Fl 32223-4025

His telephone number is: **(904) 610-1059** 

## Attention retirees in the 9th District:

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Bill Schmidt the new Active Duty Retiree Services Director for Base Cleveland as per Coast Guard Retiree Services Program, COMDTINST 1800.5G. My AOR as the director for Base Cleveland is the boundaries of the Ninth Coast Guard District. I can be used as a point of contact for retiree information. I can be reached at (216) 902-6355 and <a href="www.william.a.schmidt@uscg.mil">www.william.a.schmidt@uscg.mil</a>. I would also like to start a list of CG retirees in the D9 AOR to disseminate information for retirees from myself, D9, Ninth District Retiree Council and MWR. If you would like to be on this list please send your phone number and e-mail address to me at the email listed above.

**USCGC MACKINAW** sailors and all other interested parties may be interested to know that the ship, though decommissioned in 2006, now resides at her namesake home of Mackinaw City, Michigan, and is open for public tours and group events. Visit her at the website below: <a href="http://www.themackinaw.org/">http://www.themackinaw.org/</a>

The 15th annual reunion of **Coast Guard CW Operators Association** will be held October 13-16, 2013 at Casa Del Mar in Galveston, TX. See Comm-One newsletter for registration forms or get more details from:

dhansen110@comcast.net

## A Salute to the US Coast Guard.

Beyond the Breakers tells the story of the heroic service of the U.S. Coast Guard in Maine and how it evolved from the Revenue Cutter Service, Lighthouse Service and Life-Saving Service. Rarely seen artifacts, from iconic to humble, tell this exciting narrative! (see picture below)

On view until October 15, 2013



USCGC COURIER/VOA MEMORIAL FOUNDATION REUNIION will be held during the week of June 16th through June 21st 2014 in New London, CT. This time and place will allow members of the Association and invited guests to enjoy the many interesting sights of the New London area and, most importantly, attend the unveiling of the Courier Model & Special Exhibit at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Museum in New London.

Correspondence and information inquiries may be sent to Robert (Bob) R. Hickman, President USCGC Courier/ VOA Memorial Foundation at:

108 Gordon Road North Syracuse, NY 13212

Should you wish to call: (315) 458-5995 (h) (315) 378-7443 (c)

Email: Robert.hickman1@verizon.net



Name	Grade	Date of Retirement	Name	Grade	Date of Retirement
ALBERT,MICHAEL	LCDR	20130701	COOPER,ROBERT	MSTC	20130801
ALEXANDER, CHRISTOPHER	CAPT	20130601	CORNELIUS, JEFFREY	GMC	20130601
ALLEN, JAMES	SN	20130607	COST,BRIAN	CDR	20130802
AMES,DIRK	LCDR	20130801	CRONK,DAVID	CDR	20130701
ANCELLOTTI, JOHN	CAPT	20130601	CROSBY,NINA	SK1	20130801
ANDERSON,BRIAN	BMC	20130809	CRUMP,JAMES	ISM4	20130701
ARGENTI,LATICIA	CAPT	20130701	CUMMINS,TIMOTHY	CDR	20130701
ARGUDO,SEGUNDO	LCDR	20130601	D'AGOSTINO,RICHARD	IVC	20130819
ARMSTRONG,THEODORE	AETCS	20130601	DAHL, CHRISTEL	CDR	20130801
AVILES,ARTURO	LCDR	20130616	DAILEY, DORAIN	LT LCDR	20130801
BAIRD,REGINALD	LCDR YN2	20130701 20130628	DAILEY,CHRISTOPHER DALEY,SARAH	BM2	20130601 20130827
BAKER,JOSEPH BALDING,WEBSTER	CAPT	20130626	DALITSCH, JAMES	LCDR	20130627
BALDUEZA,JOSEPH	ETC	20130701	DAVIS,MICHAEL	BOSN4	20130701
BARAGIOLA, SALVATORE	IVCM	20130621	DEASON,MATTHEW	AMT2	20130702
BARBEE,RICHARD	ENG4	20130801	DECKER,SCOTT	CAPT	20130701
BARROW, JACK	PA1	20130601	DELONG, MICHAEL	F&S3	20130601
BEAVER,DAVID	ELC4	20130601	DEMPSEY,MICHAEL	ELC4	20130801
BEEMAN,KARL	BMC	20130801	DENBY,TIMOTHY	CDR	20130701
BENNETT,WILLIAM	EM2	20130701	DENICKER,KEVIN	OSC	20130801
BENSLEY,DANIEL	MKC	20130701	DEYOUNG,GEORGE	DCCS	20130606
BETTNEY,RONALD	EMC	20130802	DIOTALEVI, EUGENE	BOSN3	20130801
BISHOP,THOMAS	PSS3	20130817	DIRKSEN,HANS DOHERTY,JERRY	MSSD2 CAPT	20130601 20130701
BISHOP,JARED BLIVEN,MATHEW	ET2 CAPT	20130607 20130701	DOLBOW, FREDERICK	MEC	20130701
BOLTON,RICK	AMTCS	20130601	DONOHUE, JOHN	AST1	20130801
BOND,MICHAEL	HS1	20130623	DRAKE, JAMES	EMC	20130701
BOSAU,STEVEN	LCDR	20130601	DROBNY,MARION	AST1	20130601
BOSS,CARL	PSCS	20130629	DROWN,WAYNE	MEC	20130625
BRADFORD,MICHAEL	BM1	20130528	DUKES,GREGORY	ME2	20130702
BRADLEY,LANCE	OSC	20130701	DUMM,LEIF	FS2	20130701
BRIGHT,LINDA	YNC	20130605	DURHAM, DEONDRIA	SN	20130611
BROGAN,ROBERT	CAPT	20130701	ECKHART, CYNTHIA	OS2	20130815
BROWN,ERIC	CAPT	20130701	ECKHOLT, JOHN	AETC	20130801
BROWN,KEVIN BROWNING,CHRISTOPHER	CDR BMC	20130801 20130801	ELLINGTON,STUART ELLIOTT,JAMES	INV2 BMC	20130701 20130601
BUDKA,SCOTT	CDR	20130701	ENGBRING, CHARLES	LT	20130701
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BURNS,STEPHEN	FSCS	20130801	ENZER,MICHAEL	F&S3	20130801
CALHOUN, CHRISTOPHER	CAPT	20130701	ESSON, MCKENZIE	MK3	20130702
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CARTER,ROGER	OS2	20130801	FOWLKES, MARY	SKCM	20130605
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PIKE,WILLIAM	GMC	20130801	SYRE,CHRISTIAN	MSTCS	20130801
PITTS,HAL	CAPT	20130801	TAYLOR,KEITH TAYLOR,TIMOTHY	RADM PERS4	20130701 20130801
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SAWYER,M	ET1	20130711	WIKE, DENISE	CDR	20130809
SCHNEIDER, MATTHEW	EM1	20130710	WILLIAMMEE,TAMARA	YNCS	20130701
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SCOTT,MARTY	FSC	20130801	WOOD,ANDREW WRIGHT.BRUCE	CDR MSTC	20130701 20130727
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SELMAN,SANDRA	CAPT	20130701	ZOBRAK,JOHN	YNCM	20130601
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SLESH,STUART	BMCM	20130801	ABLONDI, MARK DEMERS,DAVID	CAPT LCDR	20130601 20130701
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# A legacy of goodwill: A tribute to Capt. Kenneth Megan, Cont'd

As an avid cycler, traveling with the band offered opportunities for Megan to experience some of the most scenic parts

of the country and is one facet of serving with the band he admits he will miss immensely. He has traveled hundreds of miles across beautiful areas all over the country, cycling in the vast majority of the states in the nation. He frequently brought his road bicycle on tour with the band and occasionally cycled from one performance to the next. His cycling adventures led him through stunning routes in areas of the country - including Oahu, along Lake Michigan and throughout the hills of San Francisco.

And what does Megan plan to do with his time during his retirement? As a musician who had known since his childhood that he wanted to pursue a career in music, his retirement will most certainly involve music. He plans to serve as a guest conductor and continue writing pieces for the band. He also plans to travel with his wife, Anne, visit colleges and universities with his son, who is preparing to graduate high school, and spend more time on another of his favorite hobbies: gardening.

Megan's final performance was a symbolic culmination of his time as director of the band, and the music he chose was music meaningful to him throughout his career.

To add to the sentiment of the performance, he was accompanied on stage by many of those he served with during his 38 years in the band. Though the captain has now formally retired, his pride in the band's legacy will always be strong. "I'm leaving a group that strives to represent the nation and the Coast Guard at the highest possible level all the time," Megan said. "If that's a legacy, it's one of which I'm immensely proud."



Capt. Kenneth Megan during his earlier years with the band. Photo courtesy of Capt. Kenneth Megan.

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## THE YEAR OF THE COAST GUARD AT THE NAVY MEMORIAL

By Captain Brian G. Basel, USCG (Ret)

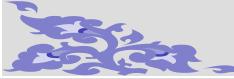
Starting in April 2014, the United States Navy Memorial will celebrate "The Year of the Coast Guard," honoring all Coast Guard men and women for their service to our nation with a major exhibit, a series of special programs and events throughout the year. The exhibit will follow on the successful series that has honored Navy Special Warfare, The Seabees, Navy Supply, Naval Aviation, and the Year of the Chief and the current "Year of Military Women." The exhibit will be open on April 12 at the Navy Memorial's Naval Heritage Center during the annual Blessing of the Fleets Celebration. The exhibit will cover the historical contributions of the Coast Guard to our national defense and highlight the important contemporary roles of the service. This exhibit marks another first for the Navy Memorial which honors all the sea services which have served our Nation, including the Navy, Coast Guard, Marines and Merchant Marine.

All persons who are serving, have ever served, or know someone who has served in the Coast Guard in the past are invited to register themselves, their ship mates, friends or loved ones into the Memorial's "Navy Log." The entry is FREE and can include a photograph of the member, duty stations, awards and other service memories. Hundreds of Coast Guard members have already been entered, including all current active duty flag officers, all former Commandants and Vice Commandants and all Master Chief Petty Officers of the Coast Guard (E-10's). To view a sample, log on to www.navylog.org to view the entry for the current Commandant, Admiral Robert Papp, or the current Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard, Michael Leavitt.

Register today at www.navylog.org or call 1-800-NAVYLOG (1-800-628-9564). You may also send an email to: navylog@navymemorial.org.



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FINCH	RONALD	CWO2	20130801	BAKERSFIELD	CA
FLEURDELYS	ROBERT	ETC	20130621	CODY	WY
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FORGUE	RAYMOND MARY		20130618	MARSHALL	
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FOSTER	IAN		20130807	ABSECON	NJ
FREEBORN	DAVID	CAPT	20130821	SAULT STE MAR	MI
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FULLER	FRANK	ENS	20130615	WAYLON	MA
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GLENN	WILLIAM	PSC	20130824	RIVERSIDE	CA
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GRAY	ELMORE	ENC	20130807	BUXTON	NC
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GREER	CHARLES	SKC	20130827	HOLIDAY ISLAND	AR
GRIFFITH	WILLIAM	LCDR	20130701	SEATTLE	WA
GRODSTEIN	RICHARD	MKC	20130614	TUCSON	ΑZ
HANSEN	HAROLD	MKCM	20130815	MIDDLEBURG	FL
HARGETT	WILLIAM	BM2	20130731	ERNUL	NC
HART	GLENN	BMC	20130530	SEQUIM	WA
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HARTY	JOHN	LCDR	20130615	ESSEX	MA
HAWN	HARVEY	CDR	20130703	EGG HARBOR TSHIP	NJ
HEAPHY	JOHN	PACM	20130824	PORT ORANGE	FL
HENDERSON	JEFFERY	LT	20130728	EUFULA	AL
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HILMER	JOHN	CWO4	20130722	BARNESVILLE	GA
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HORNER	GREGORY	BM3	20130705	KALAMAZOO	MI
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HUARD	JOHN	CWO4	20130727	WINDSOR	CA
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JENNINGS	CHARLES	BMC	20130722	BEAUFORT	SC
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JONES	ROBERT	ATC	20130827	CAMDEN	NC
JONES	NICHOLAS	LTJG	20130602	HOUMA	LA
KEEN	BILLIE	SKC	20130817	EDMONDS	WA
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LAPID	CALIXTO	FSC	20130719	VALLEJO	CA
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LEA	BRADLEY	BM1	20130801	MILLINGTON	TN
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MITCHELL	MARK	CDR	20130715	SUGAR LAND	TX
MULFORD	THOMAS	ATCM	20130618	COLORADO SPRIN	GS CO
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NYMAN	JACK	MKC	20130705	APO	AP
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ONEILL	MARY	SN	20130704	HYDE PARK	MA
OSTLUND	EUGENE	CWO4	20130602	COEUR D ALENE	ID
PENDER	RICHARD	CWO2	20130601	TRAVERSE CITY	MI
REGAN	ERNEST	FSC	20130810	VERONA	PA
RITCHIE	KENNETH	RM1	20130818	LAKEHILLS	TX
RODEHEAVER	PAUL	MST1	20130715	SARASOTA	FL
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RUTLEDGE	JAMES	BMCS	20130727	PERKINSTON	MS
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SEBBESSE	NORMAN	PS1	20130815	MONTAUK	NY
SHAW	HOWARD	CDR	20130704	MIDDLEBURG	VA
SHETLER	STEVEN	F&S4	20130629	TEMECULA	CA
SHORTT	WILLIAM	AD1	20130817	SAN JOSE	CA
SHOWERS	RICKY	HS1	20130612	PLYMOUTH	MA
SIEBEN	JOHN	BMCM	20130619	RENTON	WA
SMITH	RICHARD	CAPT	20130811	TYLER	TX
SMITH	HARLAN	CWO2	20130810	MARTINEZ	CA
SMITH	ROBERT	GM2	20130611	JACKSONVILLE	NC
SPANGLER	TIMOTHY	CAPT	20130813	GREENSBORO	NC
SPARKS	LUTHER	AT1	20130617	HOUSTON	TX
STAGER	ROBERT	CWO3	20130701	KATY	TX
STONEHOUSE	RICHARD	CWO4	20130610	CHEBOYGAN	MI
STREETMAN	WOODROW	BM1	20130825	CHEASPEAKE	VA
TAYLOR	LEROY	BM1	20130721	NEW YORK	NY
TAYLOR	JON	LT	20130530	CALIMESA	CA
THOMPSON	TERRY	BMC	20130618	GRAND HAVEN	MI
TILDEN	LYLE	CWO4	20130708	HERMISTON	OR
UNDERWOOD	GARY	BMCM	20130801	PORT ANGELES	WA
VALCOURT	NICHOLAS	YN2	20130820	SUMMERVILLE	SC
VALLIANT	WILLIAM	ATC	20130705	OKLAHOMA CITY	OK
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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	GRADE	DATE	CITY	STATE
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VICENTE	JOSE	ENC	20130803	TAMPA	FL
VRANA	LADELLYS	RMCM	20130528	CINCINATTI	OH
WALDROP	JOSEPH	CWO4	20130727	GERMANTOWN	TN
WALSH	PATRICK	TCC	20130722	KEIZER	OR
WEBB	LOUISE	RM2	20130604	STAFFORD	VA
WEBSTER	HERBERT	CWO2	20130625	PROVIDENCE	NC
WEIBELT	RONALD	BMCS	20130618	ROCKWALL	TX
WERNER	DAVID	BM3	20130715	BROAD TOP	PA
WILLARD	EDWARD	ADCM	20130624	SHINGLE SPRINGS	CA
WILSON	CONNIE	BMC	20130730	CONROE	TX
WIMPEE	В	FS1	20130629	BOWLING GREEN	KY
WOLF	WILLIAM	ENCS	20130619	BROWNSVILLE	TX
WOODALL	JAMES	BMC	20130628	HEPHZIBAH	GA
WOODELL	WARREN	BMCM	20130629	MENTONE	AL
YARRINGTON	GEORGE	CWO4	20130711	HARLINGEN	TX
YEAGER	DAVID	CAPT	20130706	PELHAM	AL
YOUNG	ALBERT	CAPT	20130826	MADISON	CT

Member deaths will be updated monthly on the RAS website: http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/retnews/taps.asp.

## Notice for Survivors of RET-2 (Reserve) Retirees

For Ret-2 deaths, please notify PPC immediately. In several cases PPC was not notified until the member would have been age 60 and the annuitants lost benefits because the law only allows a 6 year window to apply for RCSBP benefits.

#### COAST GUARD SECTOR NEW YORK HOLDS 9/11 OBSERVANCE

NEW YORK – Capt. Gordon Loebl, Commander, Coast Guard Sector New York, in Staten Island, N.Y., gave remarks on the significant role of the Coast Guard during a 9/11 observance ceremony, held at Fort Wadsworth on Staten Island, N.Y., today.

Sector New York personnel stood in formation for morning colors and the ceremony, which honored the fallen and recognized the significant role of the Coast Guard during the maritime evacuation of Lower Manhattan, in what is now called boatlift. "Immediately after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, we directed the waterborne evacuation and rescue of approximately 500,000 civilians from Manhattan Island," said Loebl. "In less than a day, more people were evacuated from Manhattan than were carried off the beaches of Dunkirk in a week."

In the critical hours that followed, Loebl recalled, five Coast Guard Cutters, 12 small boats and more than 100 public and private vessels maneuvered around the waters off Manhattan to rescue people off the sea walls, parks and piers and to support the emergency response effort in the largest maritime evacuation in history. Marine Inspectors and Marine Investigators were deployed to man the ferries to insure safe order, prevent overloading and to be a calming presence to the public. A lieutenant who went to the ferries on a later shift that night reported that passengers broke down and cried when they saw him in uniform.

The Sandy Hook Pilots volunteered the Pilot Boat New York to serve as an on-scene command post, with Coast Guard personnel onboard. It anchored on the Hudson River just off the World Trade Center site.

In addition to the maritime evacuation response, Coast Guardsmen responded ashore. Personnel went into smoke-filled subway stations to direct people toward the waterway for evacuation. "These members participated in some remarkable assistance calls," said Loebl. "Our people controlled crowds at the ferries, assisted the New York Fire Department by helping to dig out its equipment and cleared paths for more response vehicles after the towers collapsed."

(Source: coastguardnews.com)

# **Dependent TAPS**

Name of Dependent	Relationship	Date of Deatl	h Location
Name of Dependent  Helen M. Baptiste Dawn D. Barrett Myrtle Benton Debbie Failing Jeanne Garner Mary Ellen Gebing Patricia J. Graham Lynda K. Gustafson Sylvia Helen Hartman Marianne Helgesen Sibyl Lewis William B. Mathews Peggy S. O'Neal	Relationship  Wife of EN1 Paul Baptiste, USCG, Ret Wife of RMCM Edwin (Ned) Barrett, USCG, Ret Wife of BMCM George Benton, USCG, Ret Wife of MKC Darryl "Butch" Failing, USCG, Ret Wife of LT Garry Garner, USCG, Ret Wife of CWO4 Wilbur Gebing, USCG, Ret Wife of RM1 Stewart R. Graham, USCG, Ret Wife of YNC Walter C. Gustafson, USCG, Ret Wife of CAPT Jeffrey D. Hartman, USCG, Ret Wife of CAPT Henry N. Helgesen, USCG, Ret Wife of CWO1 Roy C. Lewis, USCG, Ret Husband of SN Joyce Mathews, USCG, Ret Wife of BMC David F. O'Neal, USCG, Ret	Date of Death  06 Jun 2013 06 Jul 2013 02 Jul 2013 12 Aug 2012 13 Dec 2012 15 Jul 2013 26 Jul 2013 28 Jan 2011 20 Jul 2013 15 Jul 2013 15 Jul 2013 11 Jul 2012 04 Apr 2013 04 Jul 2013	Hampton, NH Rohnert Park, CA Baltimore, MD Kenny Lake, AK Lexington, OK Williamsburg, VA Scarborough, ME Penn Valley, CA Port Townsend, WA Wilmington, NC Newport, NC Manteo, NC Ocracoke, NC
Mary Parker Edna Phipps Christopher Roberts JoAnne Royal Barbara C. Valade Louise E. Webb Andrea K. Wehner Elisabeth H. Wilson Barbara T. Wrighter	Wife of BMC George Parker, USCG, Ret Wife of ET1 Malcolm Phipps, USCG, Ret Son of QMC Chris Roberts, USCG, Ret Wife of ADCM Henry C. Royal, USCG, Ret Wife of CAPT Peter K. Valade, USCG, Ret Wife of TC1 Steven Webb, USCG, Ret Wife of CDR Stephen J. Wehner, USCG, Ret Wife of LCDR Roy F. Wilson, USCG, Ret Wife of CDR Charles H. Wrighter, USCG, Ret	08 May 2013 12 May 2013 19 May 2013 22 May 2013 28 Jun 2013 04 Jun 2013 07 May 2013 30 Jun 2013	Astoria, OR Cocoa, FL Jacksonville, FL Hilliard, FL Exeter, NH Fredericksburg, VA Redmond, WA Sequim, WA Bourne, MA

If you have lost a loved one and would like their name printed in Dependent TAPs, please contact **PPC-DG-RAS@uscg.mil** with their name, date of death, your name and retired rank, and city/state of residence. RAS will make appropriate updates and then forward to The Coast Guard/NOAA Retirees' Newsletter Editor. Or you can send your request in writing and mail to: Commanding Officer (RAS), Pay & Personnel Center, 444 SE Quincy Street, Topeka, KS 66683-3591. You may also fax your request to (785) 339-3770.

## **TERMINATION OF COAST GUARD DECAL PROGRAM**

This notice is to inform our retiree community of the "termination of the USCG POV DECAL program." All designated CG issuing units plan to cease issuing CG POV decals no later than 01 JAN 2014. All CG issued decals should be removed from POV and destroyed by 31 DEC 2014. The CG is following DOD's lead. Furthermore, members that access DOD bases requiring decals can apply/obtain a DOD decal from that installation. For more information, you may contact: CDR James Garzon, Retiree Services Program Manager at (202) 475-5451.

U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters Reserve and Military Personnel 2100 Second Street, S.W. Washington DC 20593-7801 James.Garzon@uscq.mil

#### **TERMINATION OF NAVY DECAL PROGRAM**

By Tony Lombardo

Effective July 1, all bases that fall under Navy Installations Command are no longer requiring vehicle decals. The news came via a fleet wide message issued May 29. They've already been eliminated at Air Force and Army bases. The Marine Corps is still hashing out its plan to do so. The decals, only in use stateside, have become a security threat and a liability, officials say. In the U.S., post-9/11, decals present problems for base security. They are easily counterfeited, for one. Also, some sailors sell their cars to civilians and don't remove the stickers, said Ray Salamy, Deputy Program Director for Anti-terrorism at Navy Installations Command. "Decals posed a Trojan horse for us," he said. As a bonus, cutting decals will save \$750,000 annually.

(Source: <a href="www.navytimes.com">www.navytimes.com</a>)

#### Editor's notes

# Keeping Retiree & Annuitant Services Informed

All retirees are reminded to inform PPC (RAS) as soon as possible following changes of marital status (such as divorce, death, annulment, marriage), death of a designated SBP beneficiary, or any other changes which could impact retired pay. Additionally, when you make a change with DEERS it **does not** constitute a change to your Retired Pay account since DEERS is a totally different system from RAS.

State Tax Reminder: As a reminder when moving from one state to another and updating your home mailing address, don't forget to change your state tax withholdings. The retiree must request a change for state tax as an address change does not automatically change or stop the state information where the tax is being paid.

## Send your reunion or other notices to:

The Coast Guard/NOAA Retirees' Newsletter Commanding Officer (P&D) U.S. Coast Guard Pay & Personnel Center 444 SE Quincy Street Topeka, KS 66683-3591

E-mail: PPC-DG-RASNewsletter@uscg.mil Phone: (toll free, U.S. only) 1-800-772-8724 or (785) 339-2236

Coast Guard/NOAA Retiree Personnel Locator: If you are searching for a Coast Guard/NOAA retired individual, we can help. Place your personal correspondence to that individual in a sealed envelope, making sure to include how they can get in touch with you. On the outside of that envelope, address it to them with their full name and rank/rate (for military). Please write your return address and attach a stamp on the envelope. Then, place that envelope in a larger envelope and address it to:

Commanding Officer (RAS) USCG Pay & Personnel Center 444 SE Quincy Street Topeka, KS 66683-3591

RAS will complete the person's address and place it in the mail.

## Need a corrected DD-214?

If your DD-214 is incorrect and you want a corrected form (DD-215), you need to send your request in writing to:

Commander (PSD-MR)
Personnel Service Center
US Coast Guard Stop 7200
4200 Wilson Blvd, Ste 1100
Arlington, VA 20598-7200

Please include your name, rank/rate, SSN/Employee ID, and date of retirement.

#### More DD-214 information

Great news for veterans—the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to print a request form for their DD-214 online: <a href="http://vetrecs.archives.gov/">http://vetrecs.archives.gov/</a>. This will cut the waiting time veterans have had in the past to obtain copies of their DD-214s. **Note:** This website does not allow you to see or print a copy of your DD-214 but does allow you to print the request form needed to mail or fax to NPRC to obtain a copy of your DD-214.

## VA compensation payments and federal income taxes

If you retired from the USCG or NOAA based on years of service and are later given a retroactive service connected disability rating by the VA, your retirement pay for the retroactive period is excluded from income up to the amount of VA disability benefits that you would have been entitled to receive. The Form 1099R reports the entire distribution because the income, when paid, was taxable under the law.

A corrected Form 1099R which could support the decrease in taxable income will not be issued by PPC. This policy is contained in the DOD Financial Management Regulations, VOL 7B and also is stated in the IRS instructions for Form 1099R, which directs that the entire income distribution will be reported if a part is taxable and a part is not taxable.

Retirees who are affected by this policy should consult a tax preparer for assistance. The retiree should provide copies of the Form 1099R and the VA Award Letter to claim a refund of taxes paid on the excludable amount.

You may also claim a refund of any taxes paid on an excludable amount in previous years by filing an amended return on Form 1040X, subject to Statute of Limitations.

## Pay & Personnel Center, Retiree & Annuitant Services (RAS) - Directory Assistance

## **Questions, Address or Direct-Deposit Changes**

### If you need information or have questions about:

- Your Retired or Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuity payments
- ♦ Your Retired/Annuitant Statement
- ♦ IRS Form 1099R (reporting taxable income)

## or you need to change:

- ◆ Your and your dependents' home mailing address (for Retired/Annuitant Statement, newsletter, 1099R, correspondence)
- ♦ Your financial institution or account number for your direct deposit
- Report a change to your Designation of Beneficiary for Payment of Unpaid Retired Pay (Note: Use Form \*CG PPC-3600 Designation of Beneficiary for Payment of Unpaid Retired Pay)

You may make the requests listed above by <u>telephone</u>, by <u>fax</u> or in <u>writing</u>. Our telephone and fax numbers are:

Toll free: 1 800 772-8724 Commercial: (785) 339-3415

Fax: (785) 339-3770

## Allotments, SBP Coverage and Beneficiary Changes

## If you need to:

- ♦ Start, stop or change an allotment (you may use Form \*CG PPC-7221 Retired Allotment Authorization Form, fax in the form or a written request, call us, or send us an e-mail request). If you e-mail us with the request, your pay tech will call you to verify your information.
- Report a change to your Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) coverage (must be in writing)

You may <u>fax</u> your request to (785) 339-3770 or mail to:

Commanding Officer (RAS) USCG Pay & Personnel Center 444 SE Quincy St Topeka, KS 66683-3591

> (\*) Note: forms available from our website http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/forms

E-mail: PPC-DG-RAS@uscg.mil

Website: http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/ras/

## **Income Tax Withholding Changes**

## If you need to:

- ♦ Start or change the amount of State Tax Withholding (Retirees can call, e-mail, fax or use \*IRS Form W-4, or state form. If using IRS form, indicate that the form is for State Income Tax Withholding (not federal), which state it's for and the dollar amount to be withheld, (minimum amount is \$10.00, no cents)). We cannot withhold state tax for annuitants
- ◆ Change your Federal Income Tax Withholding (Retirees use Form W-4, Annuitants use Form W-4P)
- ♦ Change exemptions or additional withholding

Federal tax changes **must** be in writing. The original Form IRS W-4 or W-4P must be mailed to PPC (RAS) for action and filing, per IRS requirements. <u>PPC (RAS) cannot accept a faxed W-4 or W-4P. Please mail to:</u>

Commanding Officer (RAS) USCG Pay & Personnel Center 444 SE Quincy St Topeka, KS 66683-3591

> (\*)Note: forms available from our website http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/forms or directly from the IRS

### **Report of Death**

To report the death of a Coast Guard, NOAA retiree/annuitant or a Lighthouse keeper call:

Toll free: 1 800 772-8724 Commercial: (785) 339-3415 Fax: (785) 339-3770

## Or write:

Commanding Officer (RAS) USCG Pay & Personnel Center 444 SE Quincy St Topeka, KS 66683-3591

E-mail articles, dependent taps entries, reunion notices, etc., to **PPC-DG-RASNewsletter@uscg.mil** or call us at the numbers listed below. The deadline for the next issue is **Nov 9, 2013**.

1 800 PPC-USCG/1 800 772-8724

Other	Important Phone Number	s and Websites
Medical/Dental Benefits	Phone	Websites/Notes
Eligibility (DEERS)/ID Cards	1 800 538-9552 (TTY/TDD) 1 866 363-2883	http://www.tricare.mil/deers In CA: 1 800 334-4162; In AK & HI 1 800 527-5602
Mail-Order Pharmacy	1 877 363-1303	http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/ Prescriptions/FillingPrescriptions/TMOP
Retiree Dental Plan	1 888 838-8737	http://www.trdp.org
TRICARE <b>Overseas</b>	1 888 777-8343	http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/ Regions/RegionsNonUS
TRICARE United States	phone numbers on their website	http://tricare.mil
TRICARE For Life	1 866 773-0404	http://www.tricare.mil/tfl/default.cfm
Senior Pharmacy Program	1 877 363-6337	http://tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/ Eligibility/WhoIsEligible/MedicareBeneficiaries
Federal Long-Term Health Insurance	1 800 582-3337	http://www.opm.gov/insure/ltc/
CG Health Benefits Advisor	1 800 942-2422	
Veterans Benefits	Phone	Websites/Notes
Department of Veterans Affairs	1 800 827-1000	http://www.va.gov
	1 800 827-1000 1 800 669-8477	http://www.va.gov http://www.insurance.va.gov
Department of Veterans Affairs  Insurance Information  Veterans Group Life Insurance		
Insurance Information		http://www.insurance.va.gov
Insurance Information  Veterans Group Life Insurance  New VGLI Applications and VGLI Reinstatements:  OSGLI PO Box 41618	1 800 669-8477  1 800 419-1473 Overseas phone (973) 548-5699 Overseas fax #	http://www.insurance.va.gov  http://www.insurance.va.gov/sglisite/vgli/vgli.htm  Death and accelerated benefits claims only: Fax: 1 877 832-4943  All other fax inquiries: 1 800 236-6142 or e-mail: osgli.claims@prudential.com All other inquiries: osgli.osgli@prudential.com General Correspondence: Office of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance 80 Livingston Avenue

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Other	Phone	Websites/Notes
		http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/ses/
	1 866 772-8724	Commanding Officer (SES)
Final Active Duty Pay	Overseas	USCG Pay & Personnel Center
	(785) 339-2200	444 SE Quincy St
		Topeka, KS 66683-3591
Contact PPC (SES) for information	tion on Severance Pay, Separation Pay, Disa	ability Severance Pay, LES's, IRS Form W-2.
		http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/tvl.asp
		Send final travel claim to:
	1 866 772-8724	Commanding Officer (TVL)
Travel Claims	Overseas	USCG Pay & Personnel Center
	(785) 339-2200	444 SE Quincy St.
		Topeka, KS 66683-3591
	http://w	ww.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-record
Service Records		Write to: National Personnel Records Center
	(314) 801-0800	Military Personnel Records
		9700 Page Avenue
		St. Louis, MO 63132-5100
		nives.gov/veterans/military-service-records and
make requests. All others must veteran. <b>DD-214's are also ava</b>		rade, SSN, dates of service and date of birth of the
Social Security	1 800 772-1213	http://www.ssa.gov
		http://www.marad.dot.gov/contact_us.html
		Maritime Administration
WWII U.S. Merchant Marine A	wards	U.S. Department of Transportation
and Decorations	(202) 366-2646	1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
		Washington, D.C. 20590
		Attn: Patricia Thomas, W25314
National Coast Guard	(202) 475-5381	E-mail: NRHDesk@gmail.com
Retiree Council Help		
Desk Telephone/E-mail		
'HOTLINE"		

# ARE YOU NEARING YOUR 65<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY? IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR MEDICAL BENEFITS

When you turn 65, your medical benefits will change. MEDICARE will become your primary medical coverage and TRICARE pays secondary to MEDICARE. You MUST enroll in MEDICARE PART B to retain your TRICARE coverage. If you are within 90 days of your 65<sup>th</sup> birthday, you should log on to <a href="http://www.ssa.gov">http://www.medicare.gov</a> to enroll in MEDICARE PART B. Additional information can be found on the TRICARE web site at <a href="http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/Eligibility/WholsEligible?kw=Medicare+Beneficiaries">http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/Eligibility/WholsEligible?kw=Medicare+Beneficiaries</a> or by telephone to the TRICARE Information Center at 1-888-363-5433.

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